

Federal Communications Commission
Washington. D. C.

RE: RM-10805 through RM-10811

Dear Sir or Madam,

I feel that FCC should remove the requirement for a Morse Code Exam. All these proposals that still require a Morse Code Exam will still require the Volunteer Examiners to provide testing for Morse code. This creates extra work for the VE teams and VE Coordinators. Such a requirement is similar to a state requiring someone to prove that they can hook up the rigging of a house team to the wagon before they can obtain their drivers license. CW is a mode that some may or may not use, it should not be a required testing item prior to operation on the high frequency bands.

It has been stated that CW is the most efficient form of radio communications. This is simply not true. CW requires a well trained operator to be effective. The Military, Coast Guard, International Marine and Aviation have all removed the requirement for Morse code and now the International Amateur Radio community has done the same. The United States should also remove this requirement for qualifying for a U. S. Amateur radio license.

I don't feel we should ever remove the CW mode from Amateur radio operation and we should also have the lower section of each Amateur band used for narrow bandwidth modes with a small section dedicated to exclusive CW use.

I feel that all current Novice / Technician Plus HF bands should immediately be changed to allow Phone operation by all classes. We should maintain the current Novice / Technician Plus power restrictions on all Novice / Technician Plus band segments. All current and future Technician class licensees should have the same privileges as the current Technician Plus currently have. This will allow these operators to access the HF band and use either CW or Phone modes on those four HF Bands. This will allow these operators to began HF operations and allow them to better train to upgrade to General class in the future. We should even consider adding a 100 KHz section of the 20 meter band for Technician Phone / CW operation and they should have the same access on 60 meters as General and higher.

I believe that such a plan will improve the U. S. Amateur Radio Service as well as enhance these amateurs ability to began working stations on a regional and international level, this will create better qualified and trained operators for local and region level emergency needs. This will be an increased benefit to people of this country.

The current written exams are currently at a good level of requirement for each current level of Amateur Radio License Class. I do not feel any changes are needed except for those covering the proposed changes in licensing structure regarding Morse code.

I have worked at all levels of broadcasting and electronics during the last forty years, I passed my First Class Radiotelephone with Ship Radar Endorsement in the mid 1960's and have been an Amateur since 1973. None of these proposed changes will affect me, but I feel they will improve Amateur Radio in this country.

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